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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EAGR, BG

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SIDDIQI APPOINTMENT WITH ACTING  
SECRETARY SISCO

REF: (A) STATE 9015 (B) DACCA 288

1. BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR SIDDIQI CALLED ON ACTING  
SECRETARY SISCO JANUARY 20 TO DISCUSS BANGLADESH ECONOMIC  
PROGRESS AND AID ISSUES. SIDDIQI MADE THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS:

2. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND POPULATION CONTROL - BANGLADESH  
WAS DOING ITS BEST TO DEVELOP ECONOMICALLY. THE  
GOVERNMENT'S TOP PRIORITY WAS SELF SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD,  
COUPLED WITH A COMMITMENT TO FAMILY PLANNING. THIS  
SEASON'S BUMPER HARVEST WAS DUE NOT ONLY TO THE GOOD  
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MONSOON BUT ALSO THE HARD WORK OF THE BANGALEES, WHO

WERE USING FERTILIZER, HIGH YIELD VARIETIES OF GRAIN, AND IRRIGATION TO IMPROVE PRODUCTION. IN ADDITION, THE NEW BDG IS MOVING TO CORRECT EARLIER ERRORS BY ENCOURAGING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND HALTING INFLATION.

3. FOOD SUPPLY - THE STORAGE PROBLEM WAS TEMPORARY AND WOULD EASE IN THE COMING MONTHS AS OFF TAKES EXCEEDED ARRIVALS. NEVERTHELESS, SUFFICIENT STOCKS WOULD BE NEEDED BY FALL, AND THE BDG HAD ALREADY NEARLY REACHED ITS LOCAL GRAIN PROCUREMENT TARGET OF 200,000 MT. IT EXPECTED TO REACH ITS RESERVE STOCK TARGET OF 600,000 MT BY JULY 1. THE AMBASSADOR MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TITLE I FOOD FROM THE USG, BUT THE ACTING SECRETARY TOLD HIM WE EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON PL 480 SHORTLY, AND THAT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF VEGOIL WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST THAT COTTON BE PROGRAMMED FOR BANGLADESH, THE ACTING SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT, GIVEN BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS, WE MUST GIVE PRIORITY IN OUR AID TO BANGLADESH TO FOOD NEEDS. THE USG WOULD CONSIDER THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TITLE II FUNDS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR PRESENT PROGRAM.

4. UN VOTES AND AID: AMBASSADOR SIDDIQI EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT THE USG MIGHT CURTAIL AID TO COUNTRIES THAT VOTED AGAINST U.S. POSITIONS IN THE UN. THE ACTING SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT AMB. MOYNIHAN HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN HIS STATEMENTS IN THE UN. THE UN VOTES OF THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH WE GIVE AID ARE ONE OF THE ITEMS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY THREATS, BUT WE DO WANT OUR CONCERNS MADE CLEAR. THE ACTING SECRETARY CAUTIONED THE AMBASSADOR TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE CONGRESS WHERE UN VOTES ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. SISCO

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